



# THE WORLD FEDERATION

OF KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

**World Federation Newswire, 1 August 2007**

***In the name of Allah, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful***

## **News and Events**

### **Condolence to Yasin Rahim on the death of his mother**

Imam as-Sadiq (AS) had said: What prevents a person from doing good to his parents? Whether alive or dead - (he can do good by) offering prayers, giving charity, performing Hajj on behalf of them - the rewards of these are also granted to him, in addition to his parents. Besides, due to his good deeds and prayers (for them), Allah, the Mighty and the Glorious, shall grant him abundant good.

The World Federation team sends condolences to the Secretary General Yasin Rahim and his family on the sad demise of his mother on 30 July 2007. President Dr Ahmed Hassam said: Yasin's mother was also the mother of the whole Secretariat team, because she always prayed for us all. It is our loss as well and we will all miss her very much. We pray to Allah (SWT) to rest her soul amongst His chosen ones and that He grants strength to the members of the family to bear this great loss.

Gulamabbas Dinani the Vice President said: 'Our sincere condolences to Yasin on the death of his beloved mother. There is no doubt that Yasin had gained his deep love for our community from the teachings and actions of his mother, Sugrabai. Yasin's continued dedication to His path is a legacy of the upbringing that she had given him. We pray to the Almighty to grant her Maghfirat, forgiveness and a place in the vicinity of the Masumeen AS, Ilahi Aameen.'

### **World Federation Granted NGO Status**

The World Federation is pleased to announce the achievement of Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) status as a special consultative standing with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council. This milestone is a significant development in the history of the organisation as it allows The World Federation greater opportunities to make greater achievements with far greater capacity in the service of our world wide community. For further information, please email [secretariat@world-federation.org](mailto:secretariat@world-federation.org).

### **The World Federation Sponsors MPAC/Qunoot Foundation Shi'a Community Outreach Intern – Washington, DC**

The Qunoot Foundation has selected Shaher-Bano "Nousheen" Yousuf as its Shi'a Community Outreach Intern for Summer 2007. The MPAC/Qunoot program, funded by [The World Federation](http://www.world-federation.org), sponsors one intern to work at the national office of the [Muslim Public Affairs Council](http://www.muslim-public-affairs-council.org) (MPAC) in Washington, DC. For more information, email [secretariat@world-federation.org](mailto:secretariat@world-federation.org). The Shi'a Community Outreach Intern will be responsible for exploring issues specific to the Shi'a community in the United States and researching potential avenues to create better relations between MPAC and the Shi'a community.

### **SIJNY Elects New Office Bearers – New York**

On Saturday July 14, 2007 the Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of New York (SIJNY) held their general elections and Office Bearers for the term July 2007 – July 2009 were elected. To see the results, visit [www.world-federation.org](http://www.world-federation.org). For more information, please contact [secretary@sijny.org](mailto:secretary@sijny.org).

## **AMYNA Hosts RISE Leadership Retreat – Columbiaville, Michigan**

The Allied Muslim Youth of North America (AMYNA) will be hosting its first ever RISE Leadership Retreat. The retreat will take place from August 17-19, 2007 in Columbiaville, Michigan and will feature Professor Hassanain Rajabali, Jawad Khaki and Peter West, as facilitators. The objective of the retreat is to bring together young Muslim leaders who adhere to the teachings of Ahlul Bayt (as) from the most active faith communities all over the continent to network, cultivate professional leadership, enhance communication skills, and create strategic plans for their communities. For more information, email [alidabaja@amynaonline.org](mailto:alidabaja@amynaonline.org) or visit [www.amynaonline.org/rise.html](http://www.amynaonline.org/rise.html).

## **USWA College Students Achieve Academic Excellence – Islamabad, Pakistan**

Students of the USWA College in Islamabad, Pakistan achieved academic excellence this year. Of the 45 students from the aid program who appeared in the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Examination, all 45 passed. For more information, email [secretariat@world-federation.org](mailto:secretariat@world-federation.org).

## **“Islamic Insights”: New North American Shia Newspaper – Dearborn, Michigan**

*Islamic Insights* is a first-of-its-kind Shia newspaper in North America. Launched about 6 months ago, the publication features world news with a Shia perspective and focuses on issues which bring about unity under the consensus of all Maraje. For more information, email [editor@islamicinsights.com](mailto:editor@islamicinsights.com) or visit [www.islamicinsights.com](http://www.islamicinsights.com).

***To view the full newswire or to register, visit [www.world-federation.org](http://www.world-federation.org). To share comments or views, please email [secretariat@world-federation.org](mailto:secretariat@world-federation.org).***